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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

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A note to accompany the enclosed copy of Oswald in New Orleans that I have retyped (for personal use only) to enable my wife to read it. The original text was so small that it was very hard for her to read. I send you a copy of the book in hard copy and an electronic version written in WordPerfect (Version 6.1) to enable your readers to read it easier.

On a different note, I won't be attending the JFK School of Government this year. The uncertainty of mine and my wife's employment with the Department of Energy looks increasingly unstable with recent budget cuts and all. My ability to take an eighteen month leave of absence has been called into question. Nonetheless, I have been pursuing my assassination studies by reading all the books I can acquire. It is my expectation that I can apply my accident investigation training to the basic issues and then extend my nosing around into the less explored areas. One of the areas of special interest is the neutron activation analysis of the bullet fragments. With the Department of Energy developing its "open files" stance, this may be the time where the working papers are disclosed.

In our last communication, I suggested that an independent group (American Society of Public Administrators) re-examine the Warren Report and all of its once secret documents and come to an non-governmental conclusion. Your rebuttal was that there would have to be a well informed panel to draw conclusions from all the material and you felt that was most improbable. I have reviewed your comments and have a twist on the idea for your critique. Suppose a balanced (Warren Report supporters, critics and neutral) panel of American history/public administration professors were selected and "held court" over the public access cable channels with Internet access such that the public could access the proceedings. Notable scholars of the Kennedy Assassination and "alleged cover-up" would then make their case in the adversarial "court" while placing their evidence to support their case on the Internet for public review. The end result would be the first public review of a case that has obsesses Americans for over 30 years. It would circumvent the publishing media, the government, and the denizens of the dark-side. It might even force the government to open up all the secured files long before they anticipated. Can you imagine the proportions this event could possibly assume? The spin-offs it would evolve? The truths it could reveal? The assassination sycophants and wackos it would exorcize? Maybe I am just getting carried away by my idealism but I believe this boil must be lanced and the antiseptic light of day should cleanse the body politic if we are so survive as a democracy in the next millennium.

How are your books coming along? Will you be self-publishing? What are the subjects?

My wife and I were terribly disappointed with the Hosty's Assignment: Oswald. I was expecting more facts than opinion. He seemed to have his facts derived from the National Inquirer. What was equally disappointing was a complete lack of references for his outrageous claims.

A second book which was more a rambling exposition was OSWALD TALKED: The New Evidence in the JFK Assassination by Ray and Mary LaFontaine. The tramps and the gun running elements were of interest but the authors failed to show how it "fit" in the big picture. It seems to many authors are out there with some piece of minutia being examine in exquisite detail from a different perspective fail to come back to explain who it relates to the big picture. I have to commend you for resisting that temptation.

Having read Whitewash, The Report on the Warren Report, Whitewash II, The FBI-Secret Service Cover-up, Photographic Whitewash, Suppressed Kennedy Assassination Pictures, Whitewash IV, JFK Assassination Transcript, Oswald in New Orleans, and Never Again, (Attempting to read Post Mortem, The JFK Assasination Cover-up Smashed. If I decide to transcribe it for my wife, I'll seen you a copy of its as well on disk as well as a hard copy.) I believe your best work was Never Again after your first Whitewash book. While your style may be harsh, you present the unearthed facts in the record. In future publications, I hope you will consider skipping the direct reproduction of the original images of your documents which are no doubt of poor image quality before reproduction. The serious researcher can get a copy of the original if it is referenced appropriately and the interested reader would not be distracted by straining to make out the text.

In the course of your research effort, have youdeveloped an index of the documents that are available in the National Archives? With so much information being released, it is difficult to keep track of what is new and useful versus the fluff and irrelevant which has already released? By the way, I located the 26 volumes of the Warren Commission Appendices and have recently finished photocopying them since we have last communicated. Needless to say I still have a long way to go in reading them.

Who do you perceive to be more credible among the Warren Commission Report "critics"? There appears to be a plethora of authors hawking their theories and interpretations. My wife picked up a copy of The Definitive Book On The Kennedy Assassination by Jim Moore, a critic turned advocate for the Warren Commission version of the crime. A quick scan of the book indicated that he quotes liberally from your books and at least one personal communication. Moore appears to be another author obsessed with a piece of minutia: the book boxes. It seems odd that a long time critic should turn around to be and advocate based on boxes alone when there is very little "proof" that the shot(s) could even have come from that location based on the "eyewitnesses" Commission testimony and the strange "alleged" behaviors of the police on the sixth floor. The more I learn the more questions I have. I believe only a systems engineering approach to deciphering the events leading up to, during the fateful 72 hours and beyond will ever give a "true" picture of what was likely to actually happened in Dallas in November 1963.

Until that time the general public will continue to question the legitimacy of its government and the appropriateness of its leaders to govern. This enigma must be solved if we are to truly have a government, of the people, by the people and for the people.

I hope this note finds you in good health. Please keep up your good work.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Have you a legible copy of Kemp Clark's admission notes in CE-392? All original publication copies are nearly illegible.

P.P.S I have also read your Case Open, a powerful Gerald Posner rebuttal. Good job!!!